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Q: I hear Environmental Restoration (ER) is being phased out and a new contract for Libby cleanup is in the works. Why?

A: While ER has gotten high marks from the community for their performance, the current contract with ER has nearly reached it's full capacity. There will be a small ER crew working in December to conserve money for January which is generally a more productive work month. SaLUT/MARCOR will continue working until April or May 2004.

EPA will put a larger, more flexible, site specific contract in place in early 2004. It will be a \$37 million cleanup contract which will go to three contractors. The U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Center hopes to award this contract in January. The transition will begin at that time. This large contract should last through the next four years, with no more revolving contractors. The Request For Proposals (RFP) for the remediation contract is currently available at www.volpe.dot.gov under the "working with us" tab.

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